

Fighting for a Fair Census for New York's Capital Region

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"The Census is a remarkable effort that reveals who we are as a people and as a nation. We have a duty to raise our hands and do our part for our community."

❖ Paul Tonko

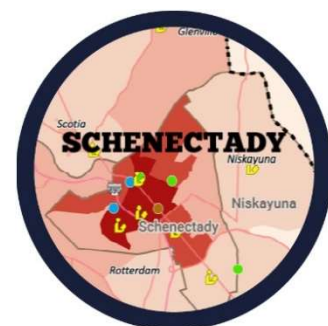
Our Capital Region faces a major undercount

U.S. Census officials are predicting a **severe undercount of Capital Region communities:**

- Based on their analysis, **more than 1/3 of Capital Region residents may not be counted**, with areas in **Albany, Schenectady, Troy and Amsterdam** at the highest risk
- Some of these communities are expected to be **undercounted by as much as 35 percent**

Low Census counts have **BIG** impacts

- **19,542,209** people lived in New York State at the time of the 2010 Census, a population figure that shaped federal support for our **schools, hospitals, transportation and numerous other programs, initiatives and services** that our Capital Region neighbors & communities depend on!
- **Census data impact** how our U.S. government allocates **more than \$800 billion** in federal funding every year for schools, fire departments, hospitals, community health centers and more:
 - **Education: more than \$28 billion** at stake nationally in Title I grants, special education grants, Head Start funding, national school lunch program, career & technical education allocations, and grants for improving teacher quality
 - **Health Care:** more than **25 million Americans** are served by **Community Health Centers** every year, often as the only source of care available and an increasingly important source of treatment for our Capital Region neighbors caught up in the **opioid epidemic**
 - **Jobs and Economic Development:** Businesses rely on census data when considering relocation, investment, whether to build a factory or office building, or open new stores. Billions of dollars in community development block grants, highway and transit funding, housing and HUBZones are also impacted
 - **Political Representation:** Undercounted states and communities could lose political representation, influence and needed resources—New York could even lose one of its Congressional Representatives—without a chance to fix these problems for another 10 years!



We each need to do our part!

1. Respond to census mailings, complete census questionnaires online, respond to census takers who reach out
2. Encourage others to respond when asked
3. Help people reach libraries and community centers for internet access
4. Contact local leaders to find out what they are doing

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